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SUBJECT: JENKINS VISIT AND US NUCLEAR POLICY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ON EVE OF JENKINS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, THE APRIL 13 ISSUE OF FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIES REPORT THAT JENKINS WILL BE SEEKING "CLARIFICATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY." STORY ALSO SAYS EC EXPECTS CONTINUE THESE TALKS "LATER IN THE MONTH WHEN EEC-US OFFICIALS HOLD ONE OF THEIR REGULAR MEETINGS."

2. REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT "COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE TO INCREASE ENRICHED URANIUM PRODUCTION FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN USE WOULD MEAN AN END TO THE EIGHT-MONTH DELAY OF EXPORTS TO THE EEC OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM (GREATER THAN 5 PER CENT ENRICHMENT). THE US IS THE SOLE SOURCE OF THIS WEAPONS-
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GRADE URANIUM FOR EEC RESEARCH REACTORS.

3. "THE SECOND DISPUTE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE US CONCERNS THE AMERICAN DESIRE TO RESTRICT THE TRANSFER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF THE BY-PRODUCTS -- NOTABLY PLUTONIUM -- OF REPROCESSED SPENT FUEL OF US ORIGIN. EEC OFFICIALS ARGUE THAT TO ACCEPT THIS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE EURATOM

TREATY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE FREE MOVEMENT OF NUCLEAR FUELS WITHIN THE COMMON MARKET. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MR. CARTER'S NEW POLICY WILL AFFECT THIS DISPUTE.

4. "COMMISSION OFFICIALS DO NOT QUESTION ONE OF MR. CARTER'S BASIC ASSUMPTIONS THAT THE US HAS ENOUGH URANIUM OF ITS OWN TO FOREGO REPROCESSING. BUT THEY POINT OUT THAT THE EEC CAN NOW ONLY MEET ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF ITS OWN URANIUM NEEDS, AND THAT BY 1975 IT WILL BE 85 PER CENT DEPENDENT ON IMPORTED URANIUM." END UNCLASSIFIED

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: ROGER BEETHAM, JENKINS' PRESS ASSISTANT, HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE FINANCIAL TIMES REPORT THIS MORNING ABOUT JENKINS PLANNING TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE OF THE CARTER NUCLEAR POLICY WAS ACCURATE, THOUGH HE WOULD HAVE PUT IT A LITTLE LESS BLUNTLY HIMSELF. HINTON

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